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Idaho October Red Meat Production Down 8 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for October 2010 totaled 17.8 million pounds, down 8 percent from October of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-October 2010 period totaled 170.4 million pounds, down 11 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.27 billion pounds in October, down 3 percent from the 4.39 billion pounds produced in October 2009. Beef production, at 2.24 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down 1 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was down 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,298 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.4 million pounds, 7 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,400 head, down 15 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.73 million head, down 6 percent from October 2009. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 276 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 8 percent from October 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,300 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 130 pounds, down 1 pound from October a year ago. January to October 2010 commercial red meat production was 40.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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